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A DIRTY WORD is McCarthyism although the U.S. Senator from Wisconsin whose rampant search for communists and communist influence on the American scene led to coining of the word is long gone from this world.

Yuri Nosenko, high-ranking Soviet secret police official who defected and now in custody of the U.S. Department of State and the Central Intelligence Agency, is reliably reported to have given information about Russian espionage agents in sensitive agencies, including the two that have him in charge. Although nobody — not even members of Congress — is permitted to talk with him, the word is out concerning some of his revelations.

One of these is that three Soviet spy rings are operating throughout the western hemisphere including in their numbers certain American businessmen, news papermen, scientists as well as government officials.

It is quite understandable that secrecy must be practiced in a situation such as this, but when part of story leaks out and the remainder is left to conjecture it can be understood why the late Senator Joe McCarthy at times went to extremes in hunting communists.

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